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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN MILITARY AID TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

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1. I HAVE SPOKEN TO REOUF AND SEVERAL OTHER OFFICIALS, INCLUDING JOHNSON HEAD OF AID, ON THE WHOLE QUESTION OF TERMINATION OF AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IN DFA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE TO WHICH AMBASSADOR GREEN REFERRED RECOMMENDATION WAS TO TERMINATE HARDWARE ASPECTS OF AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND NOT RPT NOT TRAINING ASPECTS. WHETHER OR NOT MINISTERIAL APPROVAL GIVEN TO THIS RECOMMENDATION (AND APPARENTLY IT HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN) AS RENOUF INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR GREEN IT WOULD NOT AFFECT HARDWARE IN PIPELINE WHICH WOULD GO ON FOR SEVERAL YEARS, I.E. 3 TO 5. GIVEN POSSIBILITY ALSO THAT
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THERE MAY WELL BE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN FORESEEABLE FUTURE

AND THAT OTHER EXTERNAL EVENTS MIGHT WELL STIMULATE RETHINKING
OF THIS PROBLEM, I DO NOT THINK IT IS A MATTER WE SHOULD WORRY
VERY MUCH ABOUT EXCEPT IN TERMS OFFICIAL THINKING ABOUT THREATS
IN THE AREA AND APPROPRIATE AUSTRALIAN RESPONSES TO THEM.
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